

## Film Series, Hosted by Keith Brantley



### **A Dream Deferred: The Makings of the Civil Rights Movement**

Join in community conversations highlighting the African American Experience on Art and Culture infusing the power to change a dysfunctional society...then and now.

### **Black Theatre, *The Making of a Movement***

Saturday, Jan. 10, 2 p.m.

The Making of a Movement documents the birth of a new theatre out of the Civil Rights activism of the 1950s, 60s and 70s. It is a veritable video encyclopedia of the leading figures, institutions and events of a movement that transformed the American age. Amiri Baraka, Ossie Davis, James Earl Jones and Ntozake Shange describe their aspirations for a theatre serving the Black community. Excerpts of *A Raisin in the Sun*, *Black Girl*, *Dutchman* and *For Colored Girls*... reveal how these actors and playwrights laid the basis for the Black theater of the present. 114 minutes

### **Hughes' *Dream Harlem***

Saturday, Jan. 17, 2 p.m.

Langston Hughes was one of the most prominent figures of the Harlem Renaissance and is often referred to as Harlem's poet laureate. This film shows how Hughes successfully fused jazz, blues and common speech to celebrate the beauty of Black life. Hughes' *Dream Harlem* presents a vision of the esteemed poet in present-day Harlem and makes an important case for Hughes' impact on hip-hop and the spoken-word community. 61 minutes

### **Richard Wright, *Black Boy***

Saturday, Jan. 31, 2 p.m.

Emmy award-winner *Black Boy* is the first documentary film on the life, work and legacy of Richard Wright. Born outside Natchez, Mississippi in 1908, Wright overcame a childhood of poverty and oppression to become one of America's most influential writers. His first major works, *Native Son* and *Black Boy*, were runaway best sellers which are still mainstays of high school and college literature and composition classes. According to critic Irving Howe, "The day *Native Son* appeared American culture was changed forever." 86 minutes

### **A Huey P. Newton Story**

Saturday, Feb. 7, 2 p.m.

Originally born in a small town in Louisiana and later moving with his family to Oakland, California as an infant, Huey P. Newton became the co-founder and leader of the Black Panther Party for over two decades.

Director Spike Lee and Roger Guenveur Smith collaborate for the seventh time to bring Newton's thoughts, philosophies, history and flavour to life in A Huey P. Newton Story.

Produced by Luna Ray Films, *A Huey P. Newton Story* is the film adaptation of Smith's Obie Award-winning, off-Broadway solo performance of the same name. It was filmed before a live audience and Spike Lee directs the film with his signature mix of film and archival footage to capture the thoughts of this revolutionary political leader.

The film creates opportunities for further investigation into the truth behind the man and the movement he founded.

### **Strange Fruit**

Saturday, Feb. 14, 2 p.m.

*Strange Fruit* is the first documentary exploring the history and legacy of the Billie Holiday classic. The song's evolution tells a dramatic story of America's radical past using one of the most influential protest songs ever written as its epicenter. The saga brings viewers face-to-face with the terror of lynching even as it spotlights the courage and heroism of those who fought for racial justice when to do so was to risk ostracism and livelihood if white – and death if Black. It examines the history of lynching, and the interplay of race, labor and the left, and popular culture as forces that would give rise to the Civil Rights Movement. 57 minutes

### **SPRINGS PRESERVE**

333 S. VALLEY VIEW BLVD. • 89106

### **African-American Peace Keepers, Trail Blazers Breakfast**

Join us in honoring African American leaders in the Las Vegas community that have made significant contributions to the vibrant fabric of our city. This event is hosted by the city of Las Vegas Office of Community Service. Wednesday, Feb. 25, 9-11 a.m. Springs Preserve Banquet Room. Please RSVP at (702) 229-6125.



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## C E L E B R A T I N G

# B L A C K H I S T O R Y M O N T H





The city of Las Vegas will host a variety of activities in observance of Peace Week 2015 and Black History Month. The city of Las Vegas has participated in Peace Week activities in many ways over the years, but the *Gospel Showcase* has withstood the test of time and has always been the focal point of Peace Week. This is the 36th year the city of Las Vegas has recognized the accomplishments of African Americans both locally and nationally. The Black History Month program is among the longest running annual programs that have been supported by the city of Las Vegas and the community. Activities have included car shows, soul food lunches, art displays, plays, black history essay contest, candle light vigils, poetry nights, talent and gospel shows and parades. ***Please join us in celebrating Peace Week Black History month!***



**DOOLITTLE COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**1950 N. J ST. • 89106**

**Taste of Soul Delight**

Saturday, Feb. 28, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Free admission and open to the public  
This foodie event will showcase food truck vendors, African themed crafts and activities. There will also be special performances celebrating African American heritage month. For more information about this event or on being a vendor, please call (702) 229-6374.

**DOOLITTLE SENIOR CENTER**  
**1930 N. J ST. • 89106**

**Goodtime Fish Fry**

Thursday, Feb. 5, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
\$7 per person  
The name says it all. Please register in advance; space is limited.

**Mid-day Inspirational Showcase and Luncheon**

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 11 a.m.  
Free and open to the public  
This annual showcase features singing, dancing, poetry and guest speakers followed by a soul luncheon.  
West Las Vegas Library Theater  
951 W. Lake Mead Blvd.

Join us at Doolittle Community Center immediately following the Inspirational Showcase for lunch. \$7 per person

Please purchase your tickets by Wednesday, Feb. 4. Tickets may be purchased at the Doolittle Senior Center. Please call (702) 229-6125 for more information.

**EAST LAS VEGAS COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**250 N. EASTERN AVE. • 89101**

**Heart of Black History Essay Contest 2015**

East Las Vegas Community Center will offer an essay contest for in honor of Black History Month. First, second and third place winners from each division will recite their essay at an event in their honor. Submit your essay by **Friday, Feb. 7**. All essays are due by close of business 5 p.m. Call (702) 229-1515 for more information.

Elementary – minimum 150 words  
**(Historical African American Inventors in the 1800s)**

Middle School – minimum 250 words  
**(Historical African American Politicians)**

High School – minimum 400 words  
**(Compare the civil right issues that people face today to those civil rights issues during the 1900s-1960s).**

**Heart of Black History Essay Contest and (Soul Food) Banquet**

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 6 p.m.  
\$5  
All participants of the contest will be recognized and winners will be announced at the banquet.

**KIANGA ISOKE PALACIO PARK AT DOOLITTLE COMPLEX**  
**W. LAKE MEAD BOULEVARD AND J STREET • 89106**

**Take Me Out to the Ball Game**

Saturday, Feb. 28, Noon  
The city will be hosting a Negro League themed softball game between West Las Vegas Middle School students and members of the local and state governments.

**LAS VEGAS–CLARK COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT WEST LAS VEGAS LIBRARY THEATER**  
**951 W. LAKE MEAD BLVD. • 89106**

**Peace Week 2015: Celebrating the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Where Do We Go From Here?**

Sunday, Jan. 18, 2-3 p.m., Film and slideshow presentations  
3-5 p.m., Presentation/Showcase

Join us for this Peace Week 2015 celebration in honor and tribute as a community celebrating the life, legacy and contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This event is co-sponsored by the city of Las Vegas and Trinity Academy of Arts, under the course of artistic director, Monica Armstrong. For more information, please call the West Las Vegas Library at (702) 507-3989 or Casandra Lewis at (702) 229-6125 for more information. This event is **free** and open to the public.

**OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS WEST LAS VEGAS ARTS CENTER**  
**947 W. LAKE MEAD BLVD. • 89106**

**Straight Ahead Jazz with Freddy Jackson**

Saturday, Jan. 3, 2-4 p.m.  
Free admission and open to the public  
Enjoy classic video concerts featuring all-star legends of jazz in their finest form such as Earl Hines, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Louie Armstrong and Lionel Hampton. Please join host, Freddie Jackson, “The Doctor” 91.5 KUNV while he travels through musical moments in jazz history with commentary, coffee and tea.

For more information, call (702) 229-4800 or visit the city of Las Vegas Office of Cultural Affairs website at **[www.artslasvegas.org](http://www.artslasvegas.org)**.

